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Sharing Responsibility for Seeking Solutions

Conference Addresses Achievement Gap

Effectively addressing the minority achievement gap in education requires collaboration between academic, corporate and community and educational groups. While each group may be working on the problem, it is often in isolation, says Edna Szymanski, dean of the College of Education, which is co-sponsoring a conference to bring all interested parties together.

"Achievement — A Shared Imperative," being held June 20-21, is officially hosted by the Maryland Institute for Minority Achievement and Urban Education (MIMAUE). True to the spirit of collaboration, its partners include Hyundai Motor America and Lockheed Martin. The state Department of Education and the Maryland Higher Education Commission are also

sponsors.

Szymanski mentions that corporate partners represent that they, too, understand the importance of improving education. It is of economic benefit to have a well-educated workforce. For the university and MIMAUE, the conference and the focus of the institute are a matter of duty.

"We are one of few research colleges of education in the country and the only ranked one in the state," she says. "We're also located in a majority minority county.... All of this dictated that we put every ounce of energy we could muster into it."

Though organizers call the event its inaugural conference, the institute is anything but a venture just getting started. Formally beginning operation

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Remember the Individual, Says Riggs

Retiring Registrar Emphasized Customer Service

Of all of the counsel Barbara Riggs can pass on to co-workers upon her retirement, remembering the individual within the process is the most important. The university's large size should not get in the way of treating students as people, and not numbers.

Riggs, an associate registrar, spent the last 32 of her 34 career years on campus in the registrar's office trying to make sure each student felt a part of the university. She admits that it wasn't always

easy, and she's sure some students would disagree that the office's efforts were effective. "We may not have gotten it right every time, but we really try," says Riggs, who has watched registration go from an unwieldy, complicated process based in the Reckord Armory to a streamlined, computer-based system. Effective June 30, she will work as a consultant offering her institutional knowledge to the department and its new director David Robb.



Barbara Riggs

"In Japan, they have what they call living treasures—people who are in touch with the wisdom and the history of something. That is Barbara," says Robb. "It's been very beneficial to have her here one more year."

He is referring to Riggs' delaying her retirement to help him in his first year as registrar. Riggs says that co-workers ask her if this retirement announcement is the

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Commission Honors Efforts on Behalf of Campus' Disabled Community



PHOTO BY CYNTHIA MITCHEL

The President's Commission on Disability Issues honored six individuals this spring for their efforts on behalf of the campus' disabled community. Pictured are (l-r) John W. King Staff Award winner Larry Donnelly, with the South Campus Dining Room; Staff Group Achievement Award winner Deborah Mateik, with the Office of Information Technology (OIT); Aziza Baccouche, a physics doctoral student who accepted the Faculty Achievement Award on behalf of her professor Thomas Cohen; President Dan Mote; Staff Achievement Award winner Paul Gorski, with the Office of Human Relations; Student Achievement Award winner Josh Friedman, a sophomore; and Gina Jones, also with OIT. The John W. King Award is named for a former Hornbake reference librarian who is known for his efforts to help persons with disabilities.

Black Faculty, Staff Honor Community

During an awards banquet hosted by the Black Faculty and Staff Association last week, several members of the campus community were honored for their work. Following is a list of the winners and a short bio of each.

**James Otis Williams Award
winner: Reginald Wilson**

Reginald Wilson serves as the Senior Scholar Emeritus of the American Council on Education, having held this distinguished position since October 1988. He originally joined the council in October 1981 as the director of the Office of Minority Concerns. Prior to his appointment, Wilson was presi-

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Summer Camps Offer Fun, Education

While the summer often means camp time for many boys and girls, going to camp is not always a given for some children. Those with emotional and behavioral disorders don't always benefit from the usual summer camps.

"They've either been thrown out of programs for behavioral problems or their parents don't bother to sign them up because they've failed in a structured program," said David Cooper, an associate professor in special education. Sometimes, he added, when the children do go to those camps, they sit in the corner, not participating.

Thanks to Cooper and Saul Lieberman, a licensed psychol-



PHOTO BY BARBARA TYROLER FOR CAMP ATTAWAY

A counselor works with a camper in the pool at Camp Attaway, where a special environment has been created for children with emotional and behavioral disorders.

ogist and graduate from the university, there is a place for boys and girls who have been identified by schools or therapists as having a serious emotional or behavioral disorder at Camp Attaway.

Camp Attaway is a three-week summer day camp program for children with emo-

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YOUR GUIDE TO UNIVERSITY EVENTS: JUNE 11-JULY 10

TUESDAY

June 11

10-11 a.m., A "Center for African-American Women's Labor Studies" Project

1126 Taliaferro Hall. Janet Sims-Wood, a resource specialist in black women's history at the Moorland-Spingarn Research Center at Howard University, will give a talk entitled "Documenting Black Women's Work: Visual and Historical Representations." For more information, contact the center at 5-1163 or mphelps@aasp.umd.edu.

1-3 p.m., Introduction to ArcView GIS 2109 McKeldin Library. A two-hour, hands-on workshop on basic operations of ArcView 3.2 GIS (Geographic Information Systems) software. The workshop is free, but advance registration is required at <http://www.lib.umd.edu/UES/gis.html>. For more information, contact User Education Services at 5-9070 or ue6@umail.umd.edu, or visit <http://www.lib.umd.edu/UES/gis.html>.

WEDNESDAY

June 12

6-9 p.m., HTML I: Learn to Create a Basic Web Page with HTML Code 4404 Computer & Space Science. This class introduces the Hypertext Markup Language used to create pages on the World Wide Web. Prerequisite: a WAM account. The cost is \$10 for students; \$20 for faculty/staff and \$25 for alumni. For more information, contact Carol Warrington at 5-2938 or cwpost@umd5.umd.edu, or visit <http://www.oit.umd.edu/pt>.

THURSDAY

June 13

8:45 a.m.-4 p.m., OIT Short-course: Introduction to MS Word 4404 Computer & Space Science. Prerequisite: experience working in the Windows operating system. Training received through the Electronic Workplace Readiness Training Program is sufficient. The fee for the class is \$90. To register for the class, visit <http://www.oit.umd.edu/sc>. For more information, contact the OIT Training Services Coordinator at 5-0443 or oit-training@umail.umd.edu.

Havens for the Hungry

Adele's Restaurant and The Gazebo Room

both reopened Monday, June 3.

Adele's summer menu features crisp new salad entrees created daily.

For more information, contact Wendy Fuoss at 4-8016 or wfuoss@dining.umd.edu, or visit <http://www.dining.umd.edu>.

The Rossborough Inn's new summer menu includes grilled hamburgers cooked to order on their outside grill and crab salad rolls. Dessert specials vary daily.

For more information, contact Pamela Whitlow at 4-8013 or pwhitlow@dining.umd.edu, or visit <http://www.dining.umd.edu>.

The Wednesday barbecue is back at **The Dairy**. Summer is here and the grill is hot! Every Wednesday from 11 a.m.-2 p.m., enjoy traditional favorites including hamburgers, Italian sausage and BBQ chicken, along with classic side dishes such as baked beans, potato salad and corn on the cob. Weekly specials include jerk chicken, pork ribs and T-bone steak.

For more information, contact Shirlene Chase at 4-9573 or schase@dining.umd.edu, or visit <http://www.dining.umd.edu>.

1:30-4 p.m., The Universities at Shady Grove Open House 9630 Gudelsky Drive, Rockville, Md. Admission and transfer counselors will be on hand for those interested in upper-level, undergraduate programs. Daytime, evening and weekend classes are offered at USG. For more information contact (301) 738-6023. For directions, visit www.shadygrove.umd.edu/about/directions.php.

FRIDAY

June 14

8:45 a.m.-4 p.m., OIT Short-course Training: Intermediate MS Excel 4404 Computer & Space Science. Prerequisite: Introduction to MS Excel or have similar experience. For

further information and to register for the class, visit www.oit.umd.edu/sc. The fee for the class is \$90. For more information, contact the OIT Training Services Coordinator at 5-0443 or oit-training@umail.umd.edu.

9:30-10:30 p.m., APT Dossier Workshop for Academic Administrators

0100 Marie Mount Hall. This workshop is designed for administrators and APT committee chairpersons responsible for assembling and organizing the paperwork in submitting dossiers. It reviews the procedures and highlights changes. For more information, contact Elin K. Scholnick at 5-4252 or es8@umail.umd.edu.

SATURDAY

June 15

8 p.m., National Orchestral Institute Concert Hall, Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center. Part of a three-week intensive orchestral training program. Gerald Schwartz conducts the program, which includes Paine's Preludeto Oedipus Tyrannus, Elgar's Enigma Variations and Shostakovich's Symphony no. 10. For more information, call (301) 405-ARTS or visit www.claricesmithcenter.umd.edu.

MONDAY

June 17

9:30 a.m.-12 p.m., Presentations are More Than Just Bullets (Integrating Graphical Content in PowerPoint) 4404 Computer & Space Science. Faculty participants will learn how to manipulate graphical content in Microsoft PowerPoint 2000. The half-day course agenda, as well as required online registration, can be viewed at <http://www.oit.umd.edu/iit/current.html>. For more information, call 5-2938 or send e-mail to oit-training@umail.umd.edu.

6-9 p.m., HTML II: Using Tables and Formatting for Web Page Layout 4404 Computer & Space Science. Introduces more features of HTML. Prerequisites: a WAM account and HTML I. The cost is \$10 for students, \$20 for faculty/staff and \$25 for alumni. For more information, contact Carol Warrington at 5-2938 or cwpost@umd5.umd.edu, or visit

<http://www.oit.umd.edu/pt>.

TUESDAY

June 18

4:30-7:30 p.m., Adobe Photoshop II: Designing Graphics & Photo Editing 4404 Computer & Space Science. Continues coverage of the graphic manipulation package. The cost is \$10 for students, \$20 for faculty/staff and \$25 for alumni. For more information, contact Carol Warrington at 5-2938 or cwpost@umd5.umd.edu, or visit <http://www.oit.umd.edu/pt>.

WEDNESDAY

June 19

6-9 p.m., HTML III: Manage Web Design with Style Sheets 4404 Computer & Space Science. Introduces style sheets and image mapping, and touches on Javascripting. Prerequisites: a WAM account and HTML I and II. The cost is \$20 for faculty/staff, \$10 for students and \$25 for alumni. For more information, contact Carol Warrington at 5-2938 or cwpost@umd5.umd.edu, or visit <http://www.oit.umd.edu/pt>.

THURSDAY

June 20

9:30-11:00 a.m., Laboratory Safety Orientation 3104 Chesapeake Building. Hosted by the Department of Environmental Safety (DES), this training is offered to assure regulatory compliance. Space is limited. For more information contact Jeanette Cartron at 5-2131 or jcartron@accmail.umd.edu.

4:30-7:30 p.m., Adobe ImageReady: Create Web Effects & Animation the Easy Way 4404 Computer & Space Science. This software package can be used to create original art designs and turn them into rollovers and animated gifs for the Web. Imagemaps can also be generated. Prerequisites: Photoshop I and Photoshop II. The cost is \$10 for students, \$20 for faculty/staff and \$25 for alumni. For more information, contact Carol Warrington at 5-2938 or cwpost@umd5.umd.edu, or visit <http://www.oit.umd.edu/pt>.

SATURDAY

June 22

8 p.m., National Orchestral Institute Concert Hall, Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center. Part of a three-week intensive orchestral training program. Conducted by Stanislaw Skrowaczewski, the program includes Skrowaczewski's Concerto for Orchestra and Bruckner's Symphony no. 9. For more information, call (301) 405-ARTS or

visit www.claricesmithcenter.umd.edu.

MONDAY-TUESDAY

June 24-25

9 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Tools of Digital Design for the Web 4404 Computer & Space Science. This free two-day course provides training to campus instructors wishing to learn how to use Photoshop to create or manipulate graphics destined for web publication. Participants will also learn to use a digital camera, scan and digitize images. Open to College Park faculty, instructors and teaching assistants. For more information, including course agenda, call 5-2938 or send e-mail to oit-training@umail.umd.edu, or visit <http://www.oit.umd.edu/iit/current.html>.

WEDNESDAY

July 10

8:45 a.m.-4 p.m., OIT Short-course: Introduction to Dreamweaver 4.0 4404 Computer & Space Science. Participants will learn to create a basic Web page and other related skills. The fee for the class is \$80. To register, visit www.oit.umd.edu/sc. For more information, contact the OIT Training Services Coordinator at 5-0443 or oit-training@umail.umd.edu.

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Champions of Diversity Honored

Awards of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Staff and Faculty Association (LGBTSFA) were presented on May 22 at the fourth annual Lavendar Graduation at the University of Maryland.

Lavendar Graduation was developed by Ronni Sanlo at the University of Michigan in 1995. It celebrates the graduation of LGBT and allied students. Lavendar Graduation at the



PHOTOS BY THAI NGUYEN

Professors Ruth Fassinger and Marilee Lindemann, top, accept the Champion of Our Community award at the Lavendar Graduation ceremony. Associate Provost Victor Korenman, below, was named Defender of Diversity.

University of Maryland is a program of the Office of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Equity.

The two LGBTSFA awards are Defender of Diversity and Champion of Our Community. Associate Provost Victor Korenman was named Defender of Diversity. He was selected for his tireless support and assistance in establishing an LGBT Studies program. His passionate advocacy and extraordinary understanding of the university's bureaucracy were instrumental in advancing the proposal for an undergraduate certificate in LGBT Studies through the required stages to final approval.

The Champion of Our Community Award was presented to Professors Ruth Fassinger and Marilee Lindemann. The award recognized their perseverance in appearing before various committees to explain and advance the LGBT certificate. Fassinger, representing Counseling and Personnel Services, and Lindemann, from English, were instrumental in explaining the foundation of LGBT studies in the social sciences and the humanities. The award also acknowledged their research and teaching in LGBT studies.

In addition to the LGBTSFA awards, Rain Van Den Berg, a graduate student in public and community health, was granted \$500 from the LGBT Scholarship Fund. Her leadership within the LGBT community has been demonstrated as president of the Graduate Lambda Coalition, and through her work with LGBT organizations in her home town, Juneau, Alaska. Finally, Britton Allen and Dolores Bernal were recognized as recipients of the Lorde-O'Leary Award that had been presented at the university awards ceremony, and Michelle "Miche" Kendrick was acknowledged as the first recipient of the Undergraduate Certificate in LGBT Studies.

Professional Women Recognized, Encouraged



PHOTO BY MONETTE AUSTIN BAILEY

Rev. Beth Platz, from left, and Rebecca Gore with travel services make room for Dining Services' Julio Salazar to refresh the buffet during the President's Commission on Women's Issues 2002 Professional Concepts Exchange Conference luncheon last week. Jessie Young, with the Robert H. Smith School of Business, serves herself from the other side of the table. The annual conference offers staff members an opportunity to attend workshops on professional and personal development topics.

Also, the recipients of the Outstanding Administrative Professional Award were recognized. Linda Clement, vice president for student affairs, presented the awards to Phyllis Crowther, administrative assistant II from the Department of Dance; Sharon Y. Dawes, office supervisor III from Residential Facilities; and Patricia Schaecher, executive administrative assistant I from the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs. The awards were given in recognition of professionalism and excellence.

Small Businesses, Dingman Center Receive Assistance



PHOTO BY MONETTE AUSTIN BAILEY

Sen. Paul Sarbanes, at podium, helped the Robert H. Smith School of Business announce the receipt of a \$250,000 grant from the Federal Home Loan Bank of Atlanta to the New Markets Growth Fund. Sponsored by the Smith School's Dingman Center for Entrepreneurship, the fund will provide \$20 million in venture capital, plus technical assistance, to small businesses in economically distressed parts of Maryland, Virginia and Washington, D.C. Sitting to Sarbanes' left are Mark Grovic, managing director of the fund, and Smith School Dean Howard Frank.

The fund, which is part of a new national program administered by the U.S. Small Business Administration, was expected to begin investing in companies late last month. For more information about the New Markets Venture Capital Program, go to <http://www.sba.gov/INV/venture.html>.

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dent of the Wayne County Community College in Detroit for 10 years.

Wilson has authored numerous books, articles, and research studies during his career in higher education. He is a co-author of the American Council on Education's "Annual Status Report on Minorities in

School of Journalism. He began his career as the first black reporter for the Chicago Daily News. After 10 years, he left to join the CBS-owned television station in Chicago, WBBM-TV, as the first African American in television news in Chicago. After serving as an anchor and reporter, Holman was promot-

network news producer. He also served as an on-air correspondent.

President Richard Nixon appointed Holman as director of the Community Relations Service in 1969, with the rank of assistant attorney general in the U.S. Department of Justice. He was the highest-ranking

communications systems and equipment, he worked for both government and industry, including the Department of Energy, Executone Telephone Company, Martin Marietta Corporation and the North American Telephone Company.

Moore is actively involved in community service. For five

completed her doctorate in Maryland's Department of Education Policy, Planning and Leadership.

National Service Award winner: Ronald W. Walters

Walters is the Distinguished Leadership Scholar and director



Sharon Fries-Britt



G. Alexander Moore



Rosemary Parker



Reginald Wilson



Ron Walters

Higher Education," which he began in 1982. He is an editor of "Minorities in Higher Education" and "Race and Equity in Higher Education." Wilson is on the editorial board of the American Journal of Education, The Urban Review and About Campus.

Rhonda Williams Award winner: Benjamin F. Holman
(photo not available)

Holman is a professor of journalism at the Philip Merrill

ed a year later to CBS News in New York, where he became the network's first African-American reporter.

In 1965, President Lyndon B. Johnson appointed Holman assistant director of the U.S. Community Relations Service. In this role, Holman founded a pioneer media relations program designed to help the nation's mass media deal with racial problems. In 1968, he joined NBC News in Washington, D.C., and became the first African American to serve as a

black person in the department and one of only a few African Americans at that level. Holman served in that capacity for eight years, as the chief advisor to the attorney general and the president on the nation's racial issues.

When Holman joined the university as a full professor in the College of Journalism, he was the only African American in the United States to hold that rank in journalism. Holman later served as interim dean of the college, the first African American to head a college in the history of the University of Maryland.

University Service Awards:

Rosemary L. Parker

Parker is director of the Center for Minorities in Science and Engineering at the university. She has served in this capacity since 1989, having joined the staff of the center in 1981. She has more than 20 years of administrative, program and counseling/academic advising experience. She has made numerous presentations on retention, diversity and academic excellence.

Parker is the recipient of several awards and honors, and is highly regarded for her expertise and commitment.

G. Alexander Moore

Moore is a telecommunications specialist III in the university's Office of Information Technology, where he has assumed various responsibilities since joining the staff on June 29, 1992.

Previously, he worked in the telecommunications industry for approximately 10 years. Providing services involving com-

munications systems and equipment, he worked for both government and industry, including the Department of Energy, Executone Telephone Company, Martin Marietta Corporation and the North American Telephone Company.

Local Community Award winner: Sharon L. Fries-Britt

Fries-Britt currently serves as an assistant professor in the College of Education at the university. During 1998-1999 she was a visiting professor at the Harvard Graduate School of Education. Her research focuses on the academic, social and psychological experiences of college students. Her publications focus on high-ability black collegians and the experiences they encounter in their interactions with faculty, peers and the extended black community. Fries-Britt is also interested in the retention and support of minority faculty in higher education.

Fries-Britt has been an independent consultant for more than 18 years and has developed and implemented innovative training programs in the areas of multi-cultural relations, motivation, human relations and racial sensitivity for professional organizations in and outside of higher education.

She is recognized nationally for her public speaking skills and her contributions to multi-cultural training. Fries-Britt received her bachelor's degree from the University of Maryland, College Park. At Ohio State University, she was awarded a master's in college student personnel management. She

of the African American Leadership Institute in the James MacGregor Burns Academy of Leadership, and professor in the Department of Government and Politics at the university. Formerly, he was professor and chairman of the Political Science Department at Howard University, assistant professor and chairman of Afro-American Studies at Brandeis University, and assistant professor of political science at Syracuse University. He has also served as visiting professor at Princeton University, and a fellow of the Institute of Politics at the Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University. He has also served as senior policy staff member for Congressmen Charles Diggs Jr. and William Gray.

In 1984, he was deputy campaign manager for issues during Jesse Jackson's bid for U.S. President, and in 1988 was consultant for convention issues for the Jackson campaign directed by former Secretary of Commerce Ron Brown.

Walters serves as a senior policy consultant to the W.K. Kellogg Foundation and is director of its Scholar/Practitioner Program in its Devolution Initiative Project. He also serves as a member of the Advisory Committee of the School of International Service at American University.

Walters is the author of more than 100 articles and six books, including "Black Presidential Politics in America" (SUNY Press, 1989), which won the Ralph Bunche Prize of the American Political Science Association and the Best Book award from the National Conference of Black Political Scientists.

State Reduces Retirement Contributions

State contributions to supplemental retirement plans maintained by employees in the Maryland Retirement and Pension System will drop from \$600 to \$500, effective fiscal year 2003. The change will be reflected on the July 5 paycheck of eligible employees.

Matching contributions are made during the fiscal year, which runs from July 1 through June 30, on the first \$500 of employees' contributions to one of five University System of Maryland-approved supplemental retirement annuity plans. The plans are: American Century, ING (formerly Aetna), PEBSCO, TIAA-CREF and Valic. Employees in the pension system must also contribute 2 percent of their salary to the plan. Exempt or faculty employees enrolled in optional retirement plans are not eligible for the match program.

Eligible employees are encouraged to continue making contributions to supplemental plans in order to receive the full \$500 match from the state. It is not known how long the change will be in effect, though representatives from the university's benefits office assume that it is permanent.

For more information, contact the Personnel Services Benefits office at (301) 405-5654, or go to: <http://www.personnel.umd.edu/Benefits/benefits2001/SRPS.html>, or <http://www.sra.state.md.us/sra/>.

Center Focuses on Local Water Issues

The Chesapeake Bay and its many streams, rivers and creeks provide a unique environment for Maryland residents. The Maryland Water Resources Research Center was established in 1964 at the University of Maryland, College Park to foster research and education on water issues in the state.

Through limited funding, the center supports research related to water quality that affects the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries.

Current projects are investigating sources of pollutants to the bay and treatment of pollutants. Included in the former are a study of the transport of pesticides from agricultural areas and a project that uses isotopic methods to quantify sources of nitrogen to the bay. Two other studies are

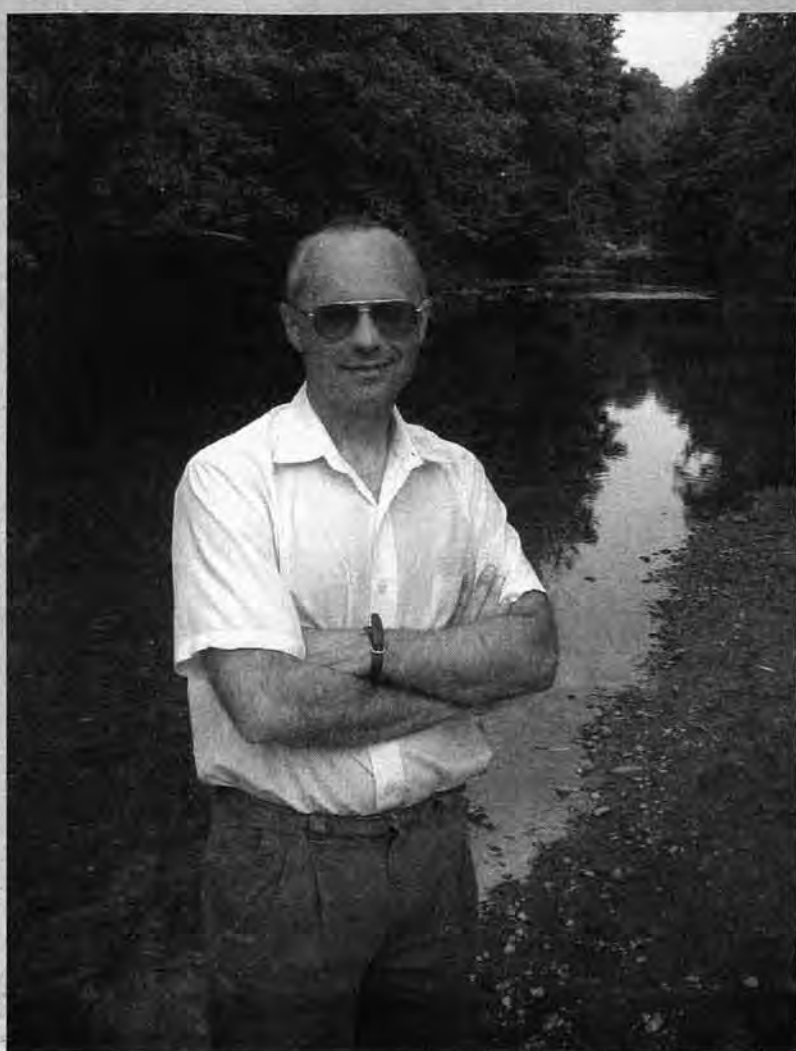


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Allen P. Davis is the new director of the Maryland Water Resources Research Center.

removal and biodegradation of oil and grease from roadway runoff.

The center is also a portal for a National Water Resources Research funding program and several fellowships and internship programs. Nearly 50 faculty members from six colleges at College Park have interests in issues related to water resources, with expertise ranging from water chemistry to ecology to policy and engineering. Recent initiatives are aimed at bringing together water researchers with complementary interests for attracting larger funding. The center director is Allen P. Davis, professor of civil and environmental engineering. For more information on the center, see the developing Web

site at www.cce.umd.edu/water_resources/home.html.



Notable

The National Science Teachers Association (NSTA) announced that the University of Maryland College of Life Sciences online Master of Life Sciences degree has become part of its prestigious NSTA Institute:

The institute is part of NSTA's professional development initiative to support quality teaching. It links all the association's professional development activities and provides a portal for showcasing diverse programs such as the Master of Life Sciences. Maryland is one of only three providers to join the institute. The other providers are the National Teachers Enhancement Network at Montana State University and the JASON Foundation for Education.

Developed in cooperation with the Office of Continuing and Extended Education under the university's e-learning initiative, the Master of Life Sciences is the first online graduate program of its kind in the nation created specifically for practicing teachers. The 30-credit program is a content-rich curriculum with a concentration in biology and a chemistry option that is currently pending final university approval.

The agreement gives the more than 53,000 NSTA members across the country immediate online access to the program.

Daniel Leviton, professor of public and community health, received the American Association for Leisure and Recreation's (AALR) Friend of Recreation Award recently during the organization's convention in San Diego. The award recognizes an individual, group or organization that has demonstrated meritorious contribution benefiting AALR or its programs. Leviton founded and directs the 30-year-old Adult Health and Development Program, which is an intergenerational, service learning health promotion and rehabilitation program. It has become the National Network for Intergenerational Health.

Roger Candelaria is the Office of Human Relations Programs' (OHRP) new campus compliance officer. Candelaria comes to the position with an exemplary academic and professional record. After many years of private law practice, he became the director of employee relations and university ombudsperson at the University of Northern Colorado. Previously, he served as Chief Magistrate Judge for the Code of Federal Regulations Court on the Ute Indian Reservation through the Bureau of Indian Affairs (U.S. Department of the Interior). He also served as municipal judge for the town of Ignacio, Colo.

Maryland Cooperative Extension (MCE) has two new leaders at the helm. **Robert Tjaden** has been named assistant director, Agriculture and Natural Resource Programs, and **Richard Byrne** is the new assistant director, Family, Youth and Communities Programs.

Tjaden joined MCE in 1988 as a regional specialist in natural resources. His primary responsibility was as the principal resource for forest and wildlife management for the Eastern Shore region. Byrne will maintain his title and role as state 4-H program leader as he takes on the challenges of assistant director.

Riggs: "Living Treasure" to Retire After 32 Years

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real thing. She assures them that it is, though with a bit of sadness.

"I appreciate that the office is keeping me around," she says with a laugh. "I'm one of those retirees that never really leaves."

Though her professional life on campus spans three decades, Riggs' affiliation with Maryland actually goes back to her enrollment as a freshman psychology student in 1960. She left and came back to finish that degree in 1968 and began working part-time as an assistant to the coordinator of reference services in the library. Arriving at the registrar's office in 1970, Riggs came to know from an employee's standpoint the long lines associated with registering for classes.

"Every department was sitting at tables in a big horseshoe shape. You had to stand in line for every course," she says. "This was before the armory was air conditioned. It wasn't until the early '80s that the process became computerized."

It wasn't all work and no play in those days, says Riggs. Staff members often tried to find ways to liven up the tedium. One year they even held a trash can painting party to spruce up the armory. As a manager, Riggs says she tries to involve the staff in as much of the operations as possible and make the workplace enjoyable. After all, these are elements that have kept her here for so long.

"I have felt cared about by managers and faculty. It's been a good 30-plus years."

She, in turn, looks out for her staff. Working mothers hold a special place in her heart, since she is mom to three who literally grew up in the department with Riggs. Daughter Jennifer now works for registration technical support and son Michael works for the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources. Her middle child, Mark, attended Maryland and is now a head golf pro in Culpepper, Va. All three, and Riggs' husband of 30 years, Bill, spent time helping sort forms in the more manual days of the office. "It's been a family affair, and I consider this office my family as well," she says.

Shannon Kelly, the assistant registrar charged with overseeing the department's customer service efforts, can attest to Riggs' commitment to her staff and the students. No matter what new policies or technological advances that come through, Riggs begins to assess how it will affect the students.

"I've never met a more student oriented administrator," says Kelly. "Before we can even think of it, Barbara is asking, 'How can we make this better for them? How can we inform them about this?' It's wonderful."

Riggs' interest in how things affect students carried over to her pursuit of a master's in higher education administration and policy with an emphasis on how law and higher education work together. She played a role in the implementation of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act at the university and has monitored changes

in policy.

She believes the department's reorganization in the mid-'90s allowed employees to offer better customer service. Riggs is proud of her office's efforts to make a large university smaller through more personal service. Registration employees are encouraged to use students' names when talking with them, even if students first offer their university ID number. Liaisons with department administrators have been strengthened. Registration staff members have tried to eliminate paper trails so that students can be helped at the point that they are.

"We developed SPOC, single point of contact, service in conjunction with the Office of Continuing and Extended Education. Many of our summer students, for example, are visitors to this campus," she says, adding that walking from office to office can be frustrating. Offering services by phone or through the Internet can help make the process less daunting.

"I tell my staff, 'Remember, these are future alums. If they're not treated well, are they going to want to... stay associated with the university?'"

As for Riggs' affiliation, it will be long distance, with occasional visits for football and basketball games. She and her husband moved to Rehoboth Beach, Del. last year and she's been "like a homeless bag lady," living a week at a time with her children or friends. She looks forward to time at the beach to read fun novels and exercise.

Longtime Administrator to Run for State Senate

Jerry L. Lewis, director of the University of Maryland's Academic Achievement Programs (AAP) announced his candidacy for Maryland state senator last week. Lewis will be challenging Sen. Paul Pinsky for legislative District 22, which includes cities such as Hyattsville, University Park, Berwyn Heights and Riverdale. The election will take place in September.

Lewis' background includes working 30 years as an academic administrator at the university and serving as chair of the Maryland State Lottery Commission and chair of the Prince George's Father Initiative. He received his bachelor's from Creighton University, two master's degrees from the University of Maryland and his law degree from Howard University.

For more information about Lewis and his campaign, visit www.jerryllewis.com.



Jerry Lewis

Volunteers Celebrate 25 Years of Service



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Retired Senior Volunteer Corps Coordinator Jed Collard, top, accepts a surprise certificate from President Dan Mote during an annual reception at the President's house honoring the volunteers for their years of dedicated service. Collard handed out certificates to 11 seniors whose service records reached five-year intervals. Several celebrated 20 years with the university. Above, James Bersbach, who works as a tour guide for the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center and as a host in the Visitor Center, talks with Conference and Visitor Services Director Pat Perfetto. Like many of the volunteers, Bersbach is a decades-long season ticket holder and proud parent of several university alumni.

Camps: Making Summer Fun for All Kids

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tional and behavioral disorders. Located in Columbia, the camp uses its collaboration with Howard County Recreation and Parks for facilities. The Counseling Center once ran a similar program, Camp Tortuga, out of the university, which Cooper considers a predecessor to Camp Attaway.

The camp has been designed by Cooper and Lieberman as fun and therapeutic. "We design a program so kids can relax and enjoy activities," Cooper said. They want the kids to be kids. Activities include sports, arts and crafts, and drama. The camp also teaches alternative ways for the children to interact with their peers. When behavioral problems do occur, there is no punishment. Rather, the camp focuses on setting positive goals and making progress toward behavioral goals.

Cooper said Camp Attaway can do all of this by heavily staffing the camp with highly trained counselors. There is one counselor to every two campers, and many of the counselors are University of Maryland graduate and undergraduate students gaining experience in working with this special population. The camp also has a support and education group for parents to come to once a week and meet with a licensed clinical social worker.

Because of the large staff and the extensiveness of the program, the camp costs \$1,800 per child. But Cooper and Lieberman made a commitment never to turn a child away because they could not pay. While some parents are able to afford the full cost, others have been able to pay just \$20 thanks to Cooper and Lieberman's fund-raising efforts. "We spend 11 months of the year raising money and one month spending it," Cooper said. This has allowed a mix of children of different ethnicities and socioeconomic backgrounds to benefit from Camp Attaway.

Now in its seventh year of operation, about a third of the year's previous campers are returnees. "We've enjoyed watching them grow up," Cooper said. As they get older, we give them more and more freedom."

Not surprisingly, Camp Attaway is not the only summer camp affiliated with the University of Maryland. There is no shortage of daytime activities for young people. While some are built around intensive academic stimulation, others have rigorous athletic



PHOTO BY BARBARA TYROLER FOR CAMP ATTAWAY
With a 2-to-1 camper-to-counselor ratio, this camper gets plenty of attention from a counselor at Camp Attaway.

demands. And then there are some camps that attempt to mix fun and learning together to keep children actively stimulated in the summer months. Here are just a few of the camps being offered this summer. For a more complete listing, visit <http://www.summer.umd.edu/pfy.html>.

Insect Summer Camp, Entomology Department, Earlene Armstrong

Objective: To provide students an opportunity to learn basic science concepts using insects and arthropods and to promote a positive attitude towards science by using insects as models. For ages 8 to 11.

This is the first year for this camp. Armstrong said she wants to take children's curiosity and interest in insects and combine it with a love for science. Campers will have the opportunity to collect insects from the woodsy edges of the campus as well as the lakes and ponds. They will also fish for aquatic insects indoors, and attempt to identify and learn about the insects and arthropods using a pocket insect guide book. Because the camp is based on campus, Armstrong said there is a surplus of insects, both living and dead, to choose from inside and outside.

The camp's application included a section for the child to fill out and express interest in particular activities and insects. Some, Armstrong said, have already stated they want to study biology or entomology. This is the type of pursuit she wants to spark. Armstrong wants to lay the foundation, interest and excitement of studying science in these students.

"Who knows? Fifteen years down the road they might become a scientist or entomologist," she said.

Camp Shule, Nyumburu Cultural Center, Anne Reese Carswell

Objective: To provide children of faculty and staff a chance to engage in educational and social activities in a setting on campus. For ages 5 to 12.

Carswell has been running this camp since 1998. She said she felt a need to provide an inexpensive camp for parents on campus. The camp runs \$65 a week. She also said that Nyumburu didn't have any major activities in the summer other than planning programs for the upcoming school year. So they had available resources and staff to provide the service.

Children who participate in Camp Shule engage in a range of activities. They take field trips on and off campus doing

everything from going to museums and plays to bowling and skating. Since the camp is based on campus, Carswell said the children benefit from the opportunity of experiencing a college environment. "The kids are really excited about being here," she said.

Summer Sports Program and Computer Activity Program, College of Health and Human Performance, Elizabeth Brown

Objective: To provide children with safe summer fun. For ages 5 to 14.

Brown, a lecturer with the kinesiology department, has been running this camp for 15 years. Conducted by the College of Health and Human Performance, it features a morning component that focuses on sports and an afternoon component built around computer activities. Most of the camp counselors are physical education teachers from area schools.

Brown said that she believes summer camps should be fun and enriching and fill children's idle time. Brown uses sports to build self-esteem. Children participate in soccer, softball, tennis, racquetball, basketball, lacrosse and aquatics with an emphasis on fun, not competition. "If you want to be a rooty-tooty soccer player, don't send them to my camp," she said.

After years of running the morning camp, Brown was asked by parents, who often worked full days, to add activities in the afternoon, so she added computer activities. Again, she warns parents that this is not a training ground for future "whiz-bang computer scientists." The camp is not about skill, Brown says, it's about self-esteem. "I want to make these kids feel loved. When their parents come to pick them up, they're happy tired," Brown said.

Facilities Management Staff Bowled Over by Appreciation Week



PHOTO BY CYNTHIA MITCHEL

Nancy Yeroshefsky, assistant director for Facilities Management Human Resources, serves up a good-sized scoop of the Dairy's finest to Frank Montoya of Building Services at the ice cream social during the department's annual Employee Appreciation Week, June 3-7. Other events included an information expo on Monday that featured Campus Recreation Services, the Health Center, retirement information, the campus master plan and more. A picnic on Friday featured soccer, softball, bingo and a dunk tank. Friday's festivities, which were open to all of Administrative Affairs, marked the contributions of Vice President Charles Sturtz, who retires this month. The week also included the faculty and staff health fair, where employees could participate in screenings for osteoporosis, blood pressure, oral cancer and more; they could also take health risk assessments, get a seated massage and learn about their body's response to stress through biofeedback.

Scholarship Awarded to Advance Science in Law Enforcement



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Kristy J. Reynolds, a third year doctoral student majoring in analytical chemistry, received a \$25,000 scientific scholarship from the J. Edgar Hoover Foundation last month. From left, Provost William Destler; Marion Ramey, a retired FBI executive and vice president and director of the foundation; and Catherine Fenselau, professor of chemistry, presented the gift.

The award, which will allow Reynolds to further her research into the use of mass spectrometry to rapidly compare complex protein samples, is one of only 17 such gifts given nationally. It recognizes the role of scientific techniques in law enforcement. In lay terms, Reynolds' work could provide an alternative to current analytical processes and different information than that available from DNA.

Field Days Feel Budget Cuts

A summer tradition for at least 50 years fell victim to state budget cuts this year. The agricultural farm field days normally held in July and August were canceled pending a review by a task force to determine whether or not the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources could support them in the future.

At five locations around the state, farmers and others usually get to take a look at new research, techniques and equipment during the events. Declining attendance at some of the days, according to Dean Thomas Fretz, also prompted the creation of the task force. Recommendations could come by September.

"We hope to bring them back, possibly in a different format," said Eileen Barnett, with the dean's office. The college's budget lost \$800,000 this fiscal year.

Scott Angle, associate dean and associate director of the Agricultural Experiment Station, said feedback from the agricultural community has been a mixed bag. While some complained that canceling the days, even temporarily, could set a bad precedent, many others called to offer their understanding.

The days feature demonstrations, tours and lunch. Angle said field days have a long tradition in colleges of agriculture around the country.

Conference: Sharing

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in spring 2001, MIMAUE has been "extremely busy" hosting symposia and workshops since its inception. However, next week's conference is its first and Szymanski says the timing is just right.

"Usually, the research is in the universities and the realities of schools are somewhere else. Now we're moving in partnership. It's a time of great change."

Sampling of "Achievement — A Shared Imperative" conference schedule:

June 20

8:30-9:45 a.m. "The Minority Achievement Gap: Shared Imperative, Shared Responsibility," a panel moderated by William F. Goodling, former chair of the U.S.

House Education and the Workforce Committee. Panelists: Paul Ruiz, principal partner with The Education Trust; Ronald Ferguson, public policy lecturer with Harvard University, Robert T. Jones, president and CEO of the National Alliance of Business and Clifford B. Janey, superintendent of Rochester (NY) Public Schools and chair-elect of the Council of Great City Schools

10-11:30 a.m. Concurrent workshops: "Sharing Success — Tried and True Best Practices" and "Turning Low Performing Schools into Priority Schools"

11:45 a.m.-1:15 p.m. Luncheon. Keynote speaker: Rev. Franklyn Richardson, senior pastor of Grace Baptist Church in Mount

Vernon, N.Y. and board member of the National Urban League will discuss "African-American Achievement: The Journey is the Destiny."

1:15-2:30 p.m. Concurrent workshops: "Raising the Academic Achievement of Latino Students: Lessons from the Field" and "Achievement: An Economist's Perspective"

June 21

8:15-9:05 a.m. "Defining Maryland Issues, Sharing Maryland Success," a panel moderated by Karen R. Johnson, secretary of higher education with the Maryland Higher Education Commission. Panelists: Patricia A. Foerster, president of the Maryland State Teachers Association; Del. Howard "Pete" Rawlings, Maryland House of Delegates; Anthony Wong, Maryland Association of Boards of Education and Marilyn D. Maultsby, president of the Maryland State Board of Education

For Your Interest

Spirituality and Education (also EDPL)

Summer II, July 15-August 25
Tuesday and Thursday 3:40-7
p.m.

After the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attack, many are asking this question: What is the meaning of life? This course intends for students to explore spirituality from multidimensional angles. The students are to reflect on their own lives as to how they have spiritually carved their life course and given meaning to their experiences. World traditions are to be discussed, which would involve the reading of famous texts in Hinduism, Buddhism, Islam, Taoism, Christianity, and American Indian and African American spirituality. In education, the problems schools are facing today will be critically discussed, and spirituality will be brought into the discussion for possible explanations and solutions. For more information on both courses, contact professor Jing Lin at (301) 405-3568 or jinglin@wam.umd.edu.

When a Listening Ear Will Do

The Psychology Clinic offers year-round services for children, adolescents, and adults. The clinic is staffed by licensed clinical psychologists and advanced-level graduate students in the Clinical Psychology Program. Available services include individual therapy, marital/couples therapy, psychoeducational groups, and IQ/LD/ADHD assessments. The Psychology Clinic provides help for depression, anger management, relationship/interpersonal problems, family discord, coping with stress, dealing with grief and loss and childhood behavioral and emotional disorders. Fees are based on a sliding scale that considers income and family size. For information or to schedule an appointment please call (301) 405-4808.

Conference to Explore Hypertext, Hypermedia

Beginning today, the campus welcomes the Association for Computing Machinery (ACM) Hypertext 2002 conference, which will run through Saturday, June 15. ACM Hypertext is a leading international conference on hypertext and hypermedia, which includes navigational aids, infrastructures to digital libraries, interactive literature, human-computer interaction, software engineering, computer-supported collaborative work, and the Web.

Scholars, researchers and practitioners from a diverse array of disciplines are welcome to exchange and discuss ideas on hypermedia, its design and use in a variety of domains, and the ability of such technologies to alter the way we read, write, argue, learn,

exchange information and entertain ourselves.

Hypertext 2002 leavens its traditional conference fare of papers, demos and posters with a hypertext reading room and performance, workshops and tutorials on topical subjects such as structural hypertext and web standards. Conference organizers promise the conference will be sociable, lively, controversial and invigorating.

Keynote speakers: Polle Zellweger, a pioneering hypermedia researcher with the University of Aarhus (Denmark), will speak on "Using Technology to Support Narrative." Ed Ayers and William Thomas, with the University of Virginia's Center for Digital History, will speak on "Hypertext as Argument: An Experiment in Form and Function."

For full conference information and registration forms, see <http://www.cs.umd.edu/ht02/>.

College Park Scholars Summer Faculty Institute

"The Spirit of Teaching: More Than Words" is a two-day faculty institute on the spirit and pragmatics of teaching today's college students. Designed as a shared learning process with ample time for reflection and

self-assessment, the institute will be held Monday, June 17 and Tuesday, June 18 here on campus in the Cambridge Community Center. The keynote facilitator will be Mel George, President Emeritus of the University of Missouri.

Registration is \$150. For more information, contact John Cordes at (301) 405-0532 or jcordes@deans.umd.edu, or visit <http://www.scholars.umd.edu/fac institute/>.

Continuing Education for Public Health Professionals

The Department of Public and Community Health at the University of Maryland is offering Continuing Education courses for Public Health Professionals, Faculty, and Students. Up to 20 CHES Credits are available for courses in Applied Public Health Informatics, Writing for Scholarly Publication and Social Marketing 101. You can register online at www.dpch.umd.edu.

The seminars will take place from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Health and Human Performance (HHP) Building. They are scheduled as follows:

- June 24-25: Applied Public Health Informatics with Robert S. Gold, PhD, Dr.PH. and Nancy

Atkinson, PhD (\$150; \$75 students)

- June 26: Writing for Scholarly Publication with Robert McDermott, PhD (\$50; \$25 students)

- June 26-27: Social Marketing 101 with Kelli McCormack Brown, PhD, CHES (\$100, \$50 students)

For more information, contact Joscelyn Silsby at (301) 405-8161 or js529@umail.umd.edu, or visit <http://www.dpch.umd.edu>.

College of Education Offers Summer Courses

Society and Education in East Asia (Department of Education Policy and Leadership) Summer II, July 15-Aug. 25 Monday and Wednesday, 3:40-7 p.m.

The course will focus on China, Japan, South Korea and Hong Kong and cover questions such as: What are the cultural foundations of education in East Asia? What are the history and development of the East Asian education systems? What are the issues relating to gender, ethnicity and social class? What characterizes teaching and learning in East Asian classrooms?

For more information, call (301) 405-3574.

Calling All Turtle Collectors

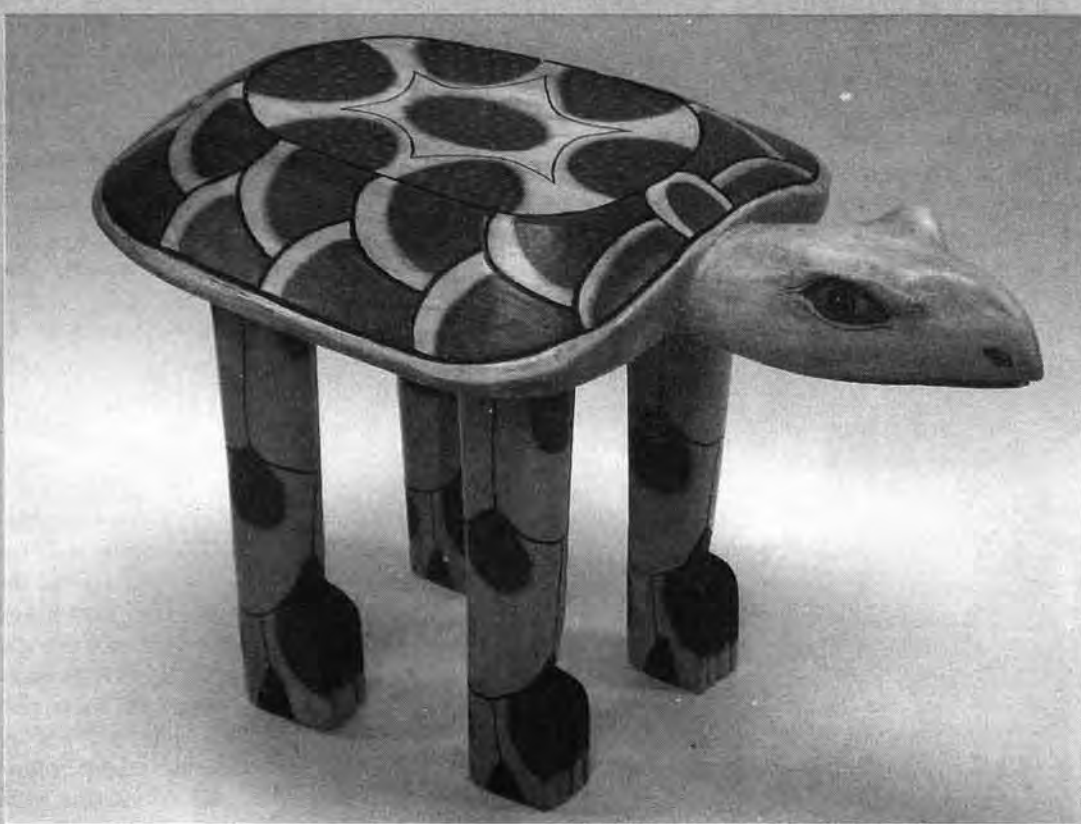


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The original Testudo, the diamondback terrapin that was the model for the statue of Testudo in front of McKeldin Library, will be joined in an exhibit in the Maryland Room Exhibit Gallery, first floor, Hornbake Library, by turtles and terrapins on loan from collectors on campus and in the local area.

Titled "Testudo and Friends Exhibit," the collection will be on display until Aug. 28. Hours will be Monday through Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday, 12-5 p.m., and other times when the Maryland Room is open. The exhibit will also include information on the origin of the university's mascot and its history on campus.

The Libraries are asking collectors to loan them their favorite pieces for the duration of the exhibit. These turtles and terrapins will be placed in exhibit cases, accompanied by a small placard listing the collector's name and some identifying information (e.g. place on campus where he/she works or teaches, year in school, if the collector is a student, town/city where the person lives, if the collector is someone from the surrounding community). All items will be returned at the end of the exhibit. Pieces will be accepted through June 30.

For more information, contact University Archivist Anne Turkos at (301) 405-9060, or via e-mail at at17@umail.umd.edu.